

## **WANTED HOMICIDE SUSPECT**

Carlsbad Police Case No: 00-0853  
Date of Incident: February 7, 2000  
Victim: Felipe Nicolas  
Suspect: Catarino Nicolas-Cruz  
DOB: 04/16/69

On the morning of February 2, 2000, Carlsbad Police dispatch was contacted regarding a farm worker who failed to report for work. After reporting the employee missing, a supervisor went to the missing man's encampment to check his welfare. When the supervisor arrived, he found evidence of possible foul play and Carlsbad Police conducted an investigation and search for the missing man.

On 2/8/00, information developed that led to the discovery of the missing worker's body. Investigators believe that Catarino Nicolas-Cruz, cousin to the victim, is the primary suspect in this homicide. The victim's neck had been severed to the spinal cord.

Catarino is known to have land in San Quintin, Mexico and known to frequent produce fields in north San Diego County. Catarino Nicolas-Cruz is wanted for this homicide.

**Catarino Nicolas-Cruz is known to carry knives, and should be considered armed and dangerous.** There is a warrant for Nicolas-Cruz, warrant (#CN111697).

### **Photos of Suspect Catarino Nicolas-Cruz**



5'1", Small build, Black hair, Brown eyes

If you have information about this case or regarding Lopez's whereabouts please contact Carlsbad Police Detective Derek Harvey at (760) 931-2146 or Carlsbad Police Dispatch at (760) 931-2197.